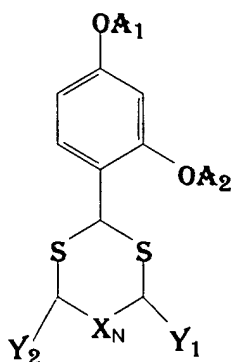


# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Compounds of formula I, process for making same, and cosmetic compositions and methods of skin lightening using compounds of formula I as skin lightening agents:

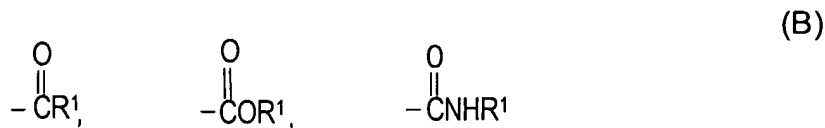
(I)



Where each A<sub>1</sub> and/or A<sub>2</sub> independently is = H or COR, CO<sub>2</sub>R, CONHR, the latter three having the following formula A:



where R= C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched, hydrocarbon; and each Y<sub>1</sub> and/or Y<sub>2</sub> independently is H; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon; or OZ, where Z = H or COR<sup>1</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>1</sup>, CONHR<sup>1</sup> of formula B:



and where R<sup>1</sup>= C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched, hydrocarbon;

X is Carbon, Nitrogen, Sulfur, or Oxygen; and N is in integer between 0 and 2.